Recovery of DPEA on imported bulk drugs

1327. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 333 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names of importers to whom notices were issued for recovery into Drugs Prices Equalisation Account and when was the first notice issued;

(b) what are the names of importers who have not provided the information asked for;

(c) what is the time limit given to each and what steps are being taken to obtain the required information;

(d) whether it is a fact that a number of importers did not even apply for price fixation of imported drugs under DPCO, 1979;

(e) what penal action has been initiated against them;

(f) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has omitted the provision for fixation of prices of imported bulk drugs under DPCO, 1987; and

(g) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken to discipline the prices of such imported bulk drugs?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) Information to the extent available could be collected and laid on the table of the Rajya Sabha.

(f) and (g) Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 is based on the measures which were approved in December, 1986. In the said order there is no provision enjoining upon the importers of bulk drugs meant for sale in the country to have their prices approved from the Government before starting to sales.

Prices of Glybenclamide

1328. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 358 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th May, 1990 and state:

(a) when the company challenged the Government fixed prices of Glybenclamide;

(b) what was the production of Glybenclamide from 17th November, 1983 to 31st December, 1983 and what was the rate of recovery taken by special team for the assessment of liability;

(c) when was the stay vacated and when Government fixed the formulation prices base on Government notified price bulk drugs;

(d) when the company implemented the fixed prices of finished medicines;

(e) what is the period for which the liability is to be assessed and by when final assessment upto that period would be made;

(f) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has recently decided to bring this drug under price control which was wrongly excluded from DPCO, 1987; and

(g) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) M/s. Hoechst India Ltd., challenged the Government fixed price for Glybenclamide in the Delhi High Court in February, 1984.

(b) Special Team took the consumption of Glybenclamide between 17th November, 1983 to 31st December, 1983 at 35.34 kgs. Recovery was recommended by Special Team at the rate of Rs. 7342 per kg. fresh scrutiny of the findings of the team is in progress, in view of receipt of certain complaints.

(c) Price of 10x10's strip of Glybenclamide tablets was notified at Rs. 5.98 on 12th December, 1984.

(d) and (e) The company is liable to pay for the period till they complied with the Government fixed price after May, 1987. Date of implementation of the price would also be know while finalising the recoverable amount.

(f) and (g) The matter is under consideration.

Revision in the prices of Metranidazole and its salts

1329. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry revised the prices of Metranidazole and its salts under DPCO, 1987;

(b) if so, what was the earlier price, what is the present price and what is the percentage change in each;

(c) whether it is a fact that Metranidazole is available at a price of around Rs. 375/- per kg. in the market;

(d) what is the price of Metranidazole take for fixation of formulation prices;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have revised the prices of finished medicines based on Metranidazole and its salts under DPCO, 1987; and

(f) if so, what was earlier price of each, present price and percentage increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The price of Metronidazole which was Rs. 453.30 kg. on 11th April, 1988 was revised to Rs. 482 per kg. on 9th Sept., 1988 resulting in an increase of 6.33 percent.

(c) Some representations to the effect that Metronidazole in selling at price lower than the Government fixed price have been received.

(d) Government fixed price or the purchase price of the drug as the case may be formed the basis for fixation of formulation prices.

(e) and (f) Details in respect of the packs for which ceiling prices have been fixed under DPCO, 1987 are annexed in the statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation	Pack Size	Earlier Price (Rs.)	Revised Price (Rs.)	Percentage increase (Rs.)
1	Metronidazole Syrup/Sus. 325mg/5ml	30 ml Bottle	4·89	4·92	0·61
2	Do.	60 ml Bottle	8·16	8.20	0 49
3	Metronidazole Tablets 20 mg/tab.	10' Strip	2.84	3·32	16·90
4	Metronidazole Tablets 400mg/Tab.	10' Strip	4·83	5·60	15·94
5	Metronidazole Sus. 200 mg/5 ml	30 ml Bottle	N.A.	5·66	..
6	Do.	60 ml Bottle	N.A.	9·12	..